



Proclamation

To all to whom these Presents may come, Greetings:

- WHEREAS:** THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF THE NURSING PROFESSION MEETS THE DIFFERENT AND EMERGING HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN POPULATION IN A WIDE RANGE OF SETTINGS; AND
- WHEREAS:** PROFESSIONAL NURSING HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE COMPONENT IN THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE DEMAND FOR NURSING SERVICES WILL BE GREATER THAN EVER BECAUSE OF THE AGING OF THE AMERICAN POPULATION, THE CONTINUING EXPANSION OF LIFE-SUSTAINING TECHNOLOGY, AND THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND
- WHEREAS:** THAT MORE QUALIFIED NURSES WILL BE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE TO MEET THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE CONSUMERS IN THIS COMMUNITY; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE COST-EFFECTIVE, SAFE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY NURSES WILL BE AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE U.S. HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE; AND
- WHEREAS:** COLUMBUS REGIONAL HOSPITAL, THE FIRST INDIANA HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE NATIONAL MAGNET NURSING ACCREDITATION THROUGH THE AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER (ANCC), HAS DECLARED THE WEEK OF MAY 2-6, 2005 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN CELEBRATION OF THE WAYS IN WHICH NURSES STRIVE TO PROVIDE SAFE AND HIGH QUALITY PATIENT CARE AND MAP OUT THE WAY TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRED L. ARMSTRONG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 2-6, 2005 AS**

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND ASK THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY JOIN ME
IN HONORING THE NURSES WHO CARE FOR ALL OF US AND THAT THE RESIDENTS OF
COLUMBUS, INDIANA CELEBRATE NURSES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE
OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE NATION'S NURSES
NOT JUST DURING THIS WEEK, BUT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE
CITY OF COLUMBUS TO BE AFFIXED THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2005.**

Signed _____

**Fred L. Armstrong
Mayor, City of Columbus, Indiana**